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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 4-9 and 18-20, without prejudice, and  
add new claims 29-34, as follows:

29. (New) An inverted microscope according to claim 21,  
wherein the contraction magnification of the photographing system  
is so set that the magnification of the image of the observation  
sample displayed by the display means should be equal to the  
magnification of the image of the observation sample observed by  
the eyepieces.

30. (New) An inverted microscope according to claim 21,  
wherein when displaying the image photographed by the  
photographing means by the display means, a signal processing  
portion having an electronic zoom function for magnifying the  
image by an optional magnification is arranged,